

28 October
SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

These are the holy men
whom the Lord chose in his own sheer love;
and he gave them eternal glory.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who by the blessed Apostles
have brought us to acknowledge your Name,
grant graciously,
through the intercession of Saints Simon and Jude,
that the Church may constantly grow
by increase of the people who believe in you.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we venerate the perpetual glory
of the holy Apostles Simon and Jude, O Lord,
we ask that you receive our prayers
and lead us to worthy celebration of the sacred mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:23

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord;
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him,
and make our home with him.

Prayer after Communion

Having received this Sacrament, O Lord,
we humbly implore you in the Holy Spirit,
that what we do to honor the glorious passion
of the Apostles Simon and Jude,
may keep us ever in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

NOVEMBER

1 November
ALL SAINTS

Solemnity



Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day
in honor of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
Through our Lord.

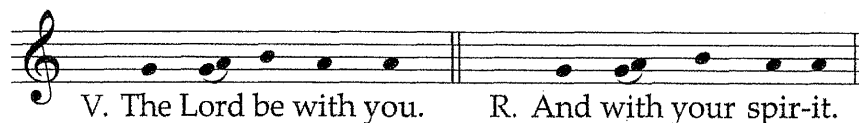
The Creed is said.

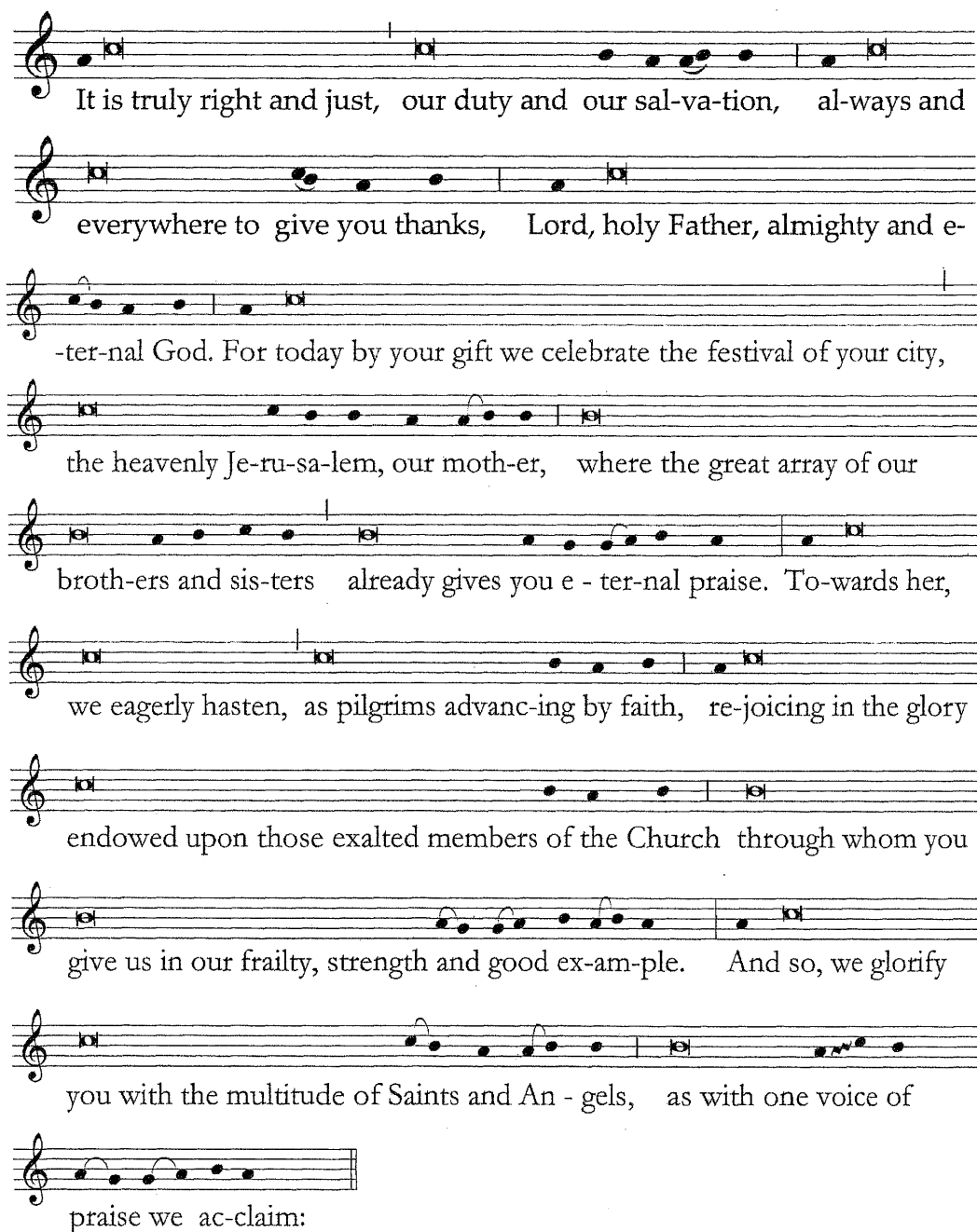
Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honor of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The glory of Jerusalem, our mother.

Solemn tone





It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
-ter-nal God. For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city,
the heavenly Je-ru-sa-lem, our moth-er, where the great array of our
broth-ers and sis-ters already gives you e - ter-nal praise. To-wards her,
we eagerly hasten, as pilgrims advanc-ing by faith, re-joicing in the glory
endowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom you
give us in our frailty, strength and good ex-am-ple. And so, we glorify
you with the multitude of Saints and An - gels, as with one voice of
praise we ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city,
the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother,
where the great array of our brothers and sisters
already gives you eternal praise.

Towards her, we eagerly hasten, as pilgrims advancing by faith,
rejoicing in the glory endowed upon those exalted members of the Church
through whom you give us in our frailty, strength and good example.

And so, we glorify you with the multitude of Saints and Angels,
as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace, so that coming to perfect holiness
in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

For the Votive Mass of All Saints, see p. 000.

2 November
THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
 (All Souls' Day)

The Masses that follow may be used at the discretion of the celebrant.¹

Even when 2 November falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

1

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Th 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22

Just as Jesus died and rose again,
 so through Jesus God will bring with him
 those who have fallen asleep;
 and as in Adam all die,
 so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

Collect

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
 and as our faith in your Son,
 raised from the dead, is deepened,
 so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants
 also find new strength.
 Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favorably on our offerings, O Lord,
 so that your departed servants
 may be taken up into glory with your Son,
 in whose great mystery of love we are all united.
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
 Whoever believes in me,
 even if he dies, will live,
 and everyone who lives and believes in me
 will never die.

¹ On this day, any Priest may celebrate three Masses, observing, nevertheless, what was established by Benedict XV in the Apostolic Constitution, *Incrumentum Altaris Sacrificium*, 10 August 1915: *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 7 (1915) pp. 401-404.

Prayer after Communion

Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants,
for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament,
may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, pp. 000-000, may be used.

2

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 4 Esdr 2:34-35

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Collect

O God, glory of the faithful and life of the just,
by the Death and Resurrection of whose Son
we have been redeemed,
look mercifully on your departed servants,
that just as they professed
the mystery of our resurrection,
they may merit the joys of eternal happiness.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty and merciful God,
by means of these sacrificial gifts
wash away, we pray, in the Blood of Christ,
the sins of your departed servants,
so that you may purify unceasingly
by your merciful forgiveness
those you once cleansed in the waters of Baptism.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 4 Esdr 2:35, 34

May light eternal shine on them, O Lord,
with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament
of your Only Begotten Son,
who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
for your departed servants,
that cleansed by the paschal mysteries,
they may glory in the gift
of the resurrection to come.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

3

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rom 8:11

God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
will give life also to your mortal bodies,
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son,
having conquered death,
should pass over into the realm of heaven,
grant, we pray, to your departed servants
that, with the mortality of this life overcome,
they may gaze eternally on you,
their Creator and Redeemer.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, Lord, in your kindness,
the sacrificial offering we make
for all your servants who sleep in Christ,
that, set free from the bonds of death
by this singular sacrifice,
they may merit eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface for the Dead, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Phil 3:20-21

We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
who will change our mortal bodies,
to conform with his glorified body.

Prayer after Communion

Through these sacrificial gifts which we have received, O Lord,
bestow on your departed servants your great mercy
and to those you endowed with the grace of Baptism,
grant also the fullness of eternal joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

3 November

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who led Saint Martin de Porres
by the path of humility to heavenly glory,
grant that we may so follow
his radiant example in this life
as to merit to be exalted with him in heaven.
Through our Lord.

4 November

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Memorial

From the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000).

Collect

Preserve in the midst of your people,
we ask, O Lord,
the spirit with which you filled
the Bishop Saint Charles Borromeo,
that your Church may be constantly renewed
and, by conforming herself
to the likeness of Christ,
may show his face to the world.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, upon the offering placed on your altar
for the commemoration of Saint Charles,
and grant by the power of this sacrifice
that as you made him an attentive pastor,
outstanding in the merit of his virtues,
so may you make us abound
in good fruit by our works.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the sacred mysteries of which we have partaken,
O Lord, we pray,
give us that determination
which made Saint Charles faithful in ministry
and fervent in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

9 November
THE DEDICATION
OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Feast

In the basilica itself, the Mass of the Common of the Dedication of a Church is used (p. 000).

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 21:2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Or:

Cf. Rev 21:3

Behold God's dwelling with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people,
and God himself with them will be their God.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
increase in your Church the grace you have bestowed,
so that by new growth your faithful people
may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
Through our Lord.

Or:

O God, who were pleased to call your Church the Bride,
grant that the people that serves your name
may revere you, love you and follow you,
and may be led by you
to attain your promises in heaven.
Through our Lord.

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here,
and grant that by it those who seek your favor
may receive in this place the power of the Sacraments
and the answer to their prayers.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Church, the Bride of Christ and the Temple of the Spirit.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in your benevolence you are pleased
to dwell in this house of prayer
in order to perfect us as the temple of the Holy Spirit,
supported by the perpetual help of your grace
and resplendent with the glory of a life acceptable to you.

Year by year you sanctify the Church, the Bride of Christ,
foreshadowed in visible buildings,
so that, rejoicing as the mother of countless children,
she may be given her place in your heavenly glory.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we praise you as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Pet 2:5

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house,
a holy priesthood.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem
through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray,
that by our partaking of this Sacrament
we may be made the temple of your grace
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

10 November

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 45:24

The Lord established for him a covenant of peace,
and made him the prince,
that he might have the dignity of the priesthood forever.

Collect

O God, who never allow the gates of hell
to prevail against your Church,
firmly founded on the apostolic rock,
grant her, we pray,
that through the intercession of Pope Saint Leo,
she may stand firm in your truth,
and be protected by lasting peace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the offerings made here, we pray, O Lord,
graciously shed light on your Church,
so that your flock may everywhere prosper
and that, under your governance,
the shepherds may become pleasing to your Name.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 16:16, 18

Peter said to Jesus:
You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
And Jesus replied:
You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion

Be pleased, O Lord, we pray,
to govern your Church
whom you have nourished by this holy meal,
so that, firmly directed,
she may enjoy ever greater freedom
and persevere in integrity of religion.
Through Christ our Lord.

11 November
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. 1 Sam 2:35

I shall raise up for myself a faithful priest
who will act in accord with my heart and my mind, says the Lord.

Collect

O God, who are glorified in the Bishop Saint Martin,
by both by his life and his death,
make new, we pray,
the wonders of your grace in our hearts,
that neither death nor life
may separate us from your love.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify these offerings, we pray, Lord God,
which we joyfully present in honor of Saint Martin,
so that through them our life may always be directed
whether in tribulation or in prosperity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 25:40

Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to us who have been restored
by this Sacrament of unity, O Lord,
perfect harmony in all things with your will,
that, just as Saint Martin submitted himself entirely to you,
so we, too, may glory in being truly yours.
Through Christ our Lord.

12 November
Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Because of the Lord's covenant and the ancestral laws
the Saints of God persevered in loving brotherhood,
for there was always one spirit in them, and one faith.

Collect

Stir up in your Church, we pray, O Lord,
the Spirit that filled Saint Josaphat
as he laid down his life for the sheep,
so that through his intercession
we, too, may be strengthened by the same Spirit
and not be afraid to lay down our life for others.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Most merciful God,
pour out your blessing upon these offerings
and confirm us in the faith
that Saint Josaphat professed
by the shedding of his blood.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 10:39

Whoever loses his life for my sake,
will find it in eternity, say the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly table, O Lord,
bestow on us a spirit of fortitude and peace,
so that, following Saint Josaphat's example,
we may willingly spend our lives
working for the honor and unity of the Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

15 November

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

From the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000), or from the Common of Doctors of the Church (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Albert great
by his joining of human wisdom to divine faith,
grant, we pray, that we may so adhere to the truths he taught,
that through progress in learning
we may come to a deeper knowledge and love of you.
Through our Lord.

16 November

Saint Margaret of Scotland

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful
in her outstanding charity towards the poor,
grant that, through her intercession and example,
we may reflect among all humanity
the image of your divine goodness.
Through our Lord.

Saint Gertrude, Virgin

From the Common of Virgins (p. 000), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For a Nun (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who prepared a delightful dwelling for yourself
in the heart of the Virgin Saint Gertrude,
graciously bring light, through her intercession,
to the darkness of our hearts
that we may joyfully experience you
present and at work within us.
Through our Lord.

17 November

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Memorial

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy (p. 000).

Collect

O God, by whose gift Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
recognized and revered Christ in the poor,
grant, through her intercession,
that we may serve with unfailing charity
the needy and those afflicted.
Through our Lord.

18 November

**The Dedication of the Basilicas
of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 44:17-18

You will make them princes over all the earth;
they will remember your name through all generations.
Thus the peoples will praise you forever, from age to age.

Collect

Defend your Church, O Lord,
by the protection of the holy Apostles,
that as she received from them
the beginnings of her knowledge of things divine,
so through them she may receive,
even to the end of the ages,
an increase in heavenly grace.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we bring you this offering of our service,
we beg your mercy, Lord,
that the truth handed down to us
by the ministry of the Apostles Peter and Paul
may endure undefiled in our hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 6:68, 69

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life,
and we have come to believe
that you are the Christ, the Son of God.

Prayer after Communion

May your people, we pray, O Lord,
nourished by the Bread of heaven,
rejoice in commemorating
the Apostles Peter and Paul,
for it is through your gift
that we are governed under their patronage.
Through Christ our Lord.

21 November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial

From the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (p. 000).

Collect

As we venerate the glorious memory
of the most holy Virgin Mary,
grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession,
that we, too, may merit to receive
of the fullness of your grace.
Through our Lord.

22 November

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial

From the Common of Martyrs: For a Virgin Martyr (p. 000), or from the Common
of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who gladden us each year
with the feast day of Saint Cecilia,
grant, we pray,
that what has been devoutly handed down
concerning this handmaid of yours
may offer us examples to imitate
and proclaim the wonders worked
in his servants by Christ your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you.

23 November

Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr (p. 000), or from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 000).

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who are wonderful in the virtue of all your Saints,
grant us joy in the yearly commemoration of Saint Clement,
who, as a Martyr and High Priest of your Son,
bore out by his witness what he celebrated in mystery,
and confirmed by example what he preached with his lips.
Through our Lord.

Saint Columban, Abbot

From the Common of Pastors: For Missionaries (p. 000), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For an Abbot (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who in Saint Columban
wonderfully joined the work of evangelization
to zeal for the monastic life,
grant, we pray,
that, through his intercession and example,
we may strive to seek you above all things
and bring increase to your faithful people.
Through our Lord.

24 November
**Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
 and Companions, Martyrs**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Gal 6:14; cf. 1 Cor 1:18

Far be it from us to boast,
 except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 For the word of the Cross
 is the power of God
 to us who have been saved.

Collect

O God, source and origin of all fatherhood,
 who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his companions
 faithful to the Cross of your Son
 even to the shedding of their blood,
 grant, through their intercession
 that, spreading your love
 among our brothers and sisters,
 we may be your children
 both in name and in truth.
 Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O holy Father, the offerings we bring
 as we venerate the passion of the holy Martyrs,
 so that amid the trials of this life
 we may always be found faithful
 and may offer ourselves to you
 as an acceptable sacrifice.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:10

Blessed are they who are persecuted
 for the sake of righteousness,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by the one Bread
as we commemorate the holy Martyrs,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, abiding as one in your love,
we may merit by endurance an eternal prize.
Through Christ our Lord.

25 November

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

From the Common of Martyrs: For a Virgin Martyr (p. 000), or from the Common of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 000).

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,
who gave Saint Catherine of Alexandria to your people
as a Virgin and an invincible Martyr,
grant that, through her intercession,
we may be strengthened in faith and constancy
and spend ourselves without reserve
for the unity of the Church.
Through our Lord.

30 November

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 4:18-19

Beside the Sea of Galilee,
the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew,
and he said to them:
Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

We humbly implore your majesty, O Lord,
that just as the blessed Apostle Andrew
was for your Church a preacher and pastor,
so he may be for us
a constant intercessor before you.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, almighty God, that through these offerings,
which we bring on the feast day of Saint Andrew,
we may please you by what we have brought
and be given life by what you have accepted.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 1:41-42

Andrew told his brother Simon:
We have found the Messiah, the Christ,
and he brought him to Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

May communion in your Sacrament strengthen us, O Lord,
so that, by the example of the blessed Apostle Andrew,
we who carry in our body the Death of Christ
may merit to live with him in glory.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

DECEMBER

3 December

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 17:50; 21:23

I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;
I will tell of your name to my kin.

Collect

O God, who through the preaching
of Saint Francis Xavier
won many peoples to yourself,
grant that the hearts of the faithful
may burn with the same zeal for the faith,
and that Holy Church may everywhere rejoice
in an abundance of offspring.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, these offerings we bring you
in commemoration of Saint Francis Xavier,
and grant that, as he journeyed to distant lands
out of longing for the salvation of souls,
so we, too, bearing effective witness to the Gospel,
may with our brothers and sisters
eagerly hasten towards you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 10:27

What I say to you in the darkness
speak in the light;
what you hear whispered,
proclaim on the housetops.

Prayer after Communion

May your mysteries, O God,
kindle in us that fire of charity
with which Saint Francis Xavier
burned for the salvation of souls,
so that, walking ever more worthily
in our vocation,
we may obtain with him the reward
you promise to those
who labor well in your harvest.
Through Christ our Lord.

4 December

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

From the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor (p. 000), or from the Common of Doctors of the Church (p. 000).

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may be helped by the prayers
of the Priest Saint John Damascene,
so that the true faith,
which he excelled in teaching,
may always be our light and our strength.
Through our Lord.

6 December

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

From the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000).

Collect

We humbly implore your mercy, Lord:
protect us in all dangers
through the prayers of the Bishop Saint Nicholas,
that the way of salvation may lie open before us.
Through our Lord.

7 December

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 15:5

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,
and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Collect

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Ambrose
a teacher of the Catholic faith
and a model of apostolic courage,
raise up in your Church
men after your own heart
to govern her with courage and wisdom.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the divine mysteries, O Lord, we pray,
may the Holy Spirit fill us with that light of faith
by which he constantly enlightened Saint Ambrose
for the spreading of your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 1:2-3

The man who ponders the law of the LORD day and night
will yield fruit in due season.

Prayer after Communion

Lead those who have been strengthened
by the power of this Sacrament, O Lord,
so to profit from the teaching of Saint Ambrose
that, hastening fearlessly along your paths,
we may be prepared
for the delights of the eternal banquet.
Through Christ our Lord.

8 December
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity



Entrance Antiphon

Is 61:10

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bride adorned with her jewels.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son,
grant, we pray,
that, as you preserved her from every stain
by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw,
so, through her intercession,
we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously accept the saving sacrifice
which we offer you, O Lord,
on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and grant that, as we profess her
on account of your prevenient grace
to be untouched by any stain of sin,
so, through her intercession,
we may be delivered from all our faults.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of Mary and the Church.

Solemn tone

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-

-ter-nal God. For you preserved the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

from all stain of o-rig-i-nal sin, so that in her, endowed with the rich full-

-ness of your grace, you might prepare a worthy Mother for your Son,

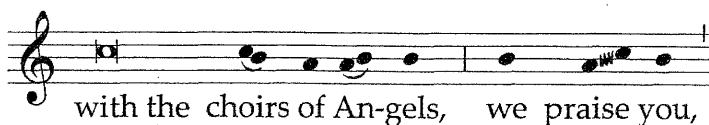
and signify the beginning of the Church, his beautiful Bride with-

-out spot or wrin-kle. For she, the most pure Virgin, was to bring

forth a Son, the in-no-cent Lamb who would wipe a-way our of-fens-

-es; you placed her above all others to be for your people an ad-

-vo-cate of grace and a mod-el of ho-li-ness. And so, in company



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you preserved the Most Blessed Virgin Mary
from all stain of original sin,
so that in her, endowed with the rich fullness of your grace,
you might prepare a worthy Mother for your Son,
and signify the beginning of the Church,
his beautiful Bride without spot or wrinkle.

She, the most pure Virgin, was to bring forth a Son,
the innocent Lamb who would wipe away our offenses;
you placed her above all others
to be for your people an advocate of grace
and a model of holiness.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary,
because from you arose the sun of righteousness,
Christ our God.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received,
O Lord our God,
heal in us the wounds of that fault
from which in a singular way
you preserved Blessed Mary
in her Immaculate Conception.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

9 December

Saint John Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For One Saint (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who by means of Saint John Diego
showed the love
of the most holy Virgin Mary for your people,
grant, through his intercession,
that, by following the counsels
our Mother gave at Guadalupe,
we may be ever constant
in fulfilling your will.
Through our Lord.

11 December

Saint Damasus I, Pope

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 000).

Collect

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may constantly exalt
the merits of your Martyrs,
whom Pope Saint Damasus
so venerated and loved.
Through our Lord.

12 December
Our Lady of Guadalupe

From the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (p. 000).

Collect

O God, Father of mercies,
who placed your people
under the singular protection
of your Son's most holy Mother,
grant that all who invoke
the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe
may seek with ever more lively faith
the progress of people
in the ways of justice and of peace.
Through our Lord.

13 December
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial

From the Common of Martyrs: For a Virgin Martyr (p. 000), or from the Common of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 000).

Collect

May the glorious intercession
of the Virgin and Martyr Saint Lucy
give us new heart, we pray, O Lord,
so that we may celebrate her heavenly birthday
in this present age
and so behold things eternal.
Through our Lord.

14 December
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Gal 6:14

May I never boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world.

Collect

O God, who gave the Priest Saint John
an outstanding love of perfect self-denial and of the Cross,
grant that by imitating him closely at all times
we may come to contemplate for eternity your glory.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the sacrificial gifts we offer, almighty God,
in commemoration of Saint John of the Cross
and grant that we who celebrate
the mysteries of the Lord's Passion
may imitate what we now do.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 16:24

Whoever wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross,
and follow me, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who in Saint John
have wonderfully made known the mystery of the Cross,
graciously grant
that, drawing strength from this sacrifice,
we may cling faithfully to Christ
and labor in the Church for the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

21 December

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

From the Common of Pastors (p. 000), or from the Common of Doctors of the Church (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who for the defense of the Catholic faith
made the Priest Saint Peter Canisius
strong in virtue and learning,
grant, through his intercession,
that those who seek the truth
may joyfully find you, their God,
and that your faithful people
may persevere in confessing you.
Through our Lord.

23 December

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

From the Common of Pastors (p. 000), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy (p. 000).

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, by the example of the Priest Saint John of Kanty,
we may advance in the knowledge of holy things
and, by showing compassion to all,
may gain forgiveness in your sight.
Through our Lord.

26 December

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

The gates of heaven were opened for blessed Stephen,
who was found to be first among the number of the Martyrs
and therefore is crowned triumphant in heaven.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Grant, Lord, we pray,
that we may imitate what we worship,
and so learn to love even our enemies,
for we celebrate the heavenly birthday
of a man who knew how to pray
even for his persecutors.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings of our devotion today,
be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord,
for they are prompted
by the glorious commemoration of Saint Stephen the Martyr.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity of the Lord, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

As they were stoning Stephen,
he called out,
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Acts 7:59

Prayer after Communion

For the many mercies which surround us
we give thanks to you, O Lord,
who save us through the Nativity of your Son
and gladden us with the celebration
of the blessed Martyr Stephen.
Through Christ our Lord.

27 December

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

This is John,
who lay on the Lord's breast at supper,
the blessed Apostle to whom celestial secrets were revealed
and who spread the words of life through all the world.

Or:

Cf. Sir 15:5

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,
and the Lord filled him
with the spirit of wisdom and understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who through the blessed Apostle John
have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word,
grant, we pray,
that we may grasp with proper understanding
what he has so marvelously brought to our ear.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify the offerings we have made,
O Lord, we pray,
and grant that from the banquet of this supper
we may draw forth
the hidden wisdom of the eternal Word,
which, from this same source,
you revealed to your Apostle John.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity of the Lord, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:14, 16

The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and from his fullness
we have all received.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, the Word made flesh proclaimed
by the blessed Apostle John
may, through this mystery
which we have celebrated,
ever dwell among us.
Through Christ our Lord.

28 December

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

The innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ;
spotless, they follow the Lamb
and sing for ever:
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, whom the Holy Innocents confessed
and proclaimed on this day,
not by speaking but by dying,
grant, we pray,
that the faith in you
which we confess with our lips
may also speak through our manner of life.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings of your devoted servants,
and purify us
as we faithfully serve these, your mysteries,
by which you grant justification
even to those who lack understanding.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Nativity of the Lord, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Rev 14:4

Behold those redeemed as the first fruits
of the human race for God and the Lamb,
and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, abundant salvation to your faithful
as they receive your holy gifts
on the feast day of these your Saints,
who though still unable to profess your Son in speech,
were crowned with heavenly grace
on account of his birth.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

29 December

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr (p. 000), or from the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who gave the Martyr Saint Thomas Becket
the nobility of spirit
to give up his life for the sake of justice,
grant, through his intercession,
that renouncing our life
for the sake of Christ in this world,
we may find it in heaven.
Through our Lord.

31 December

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 000).

Collect

Come, O Lord, to the help of your people,
sustained by the intercession of Pope Saint Sylvester,
so that, running the course of this present life under your guidance,
we may happily attain life without end.
Through our Lord.